

AUTOMATED TELEPHONE ASSISTANT DEVICE  
AND ASSOCIATED METHODS

## ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

An automated telephone assistant device and associated methods including a base unit in communication with a telephone network, wherein the base unit is operable for executing a first algorithm disposed within the base unit and selectively allowing a telephone call received from the telephone network to be transmitted to a telephone handset belonging to a user and selectively preventing the telephone call received from the telephone network from being transmitted to the telephone handset belonging to the user. Optionally, the automated telephone assistant device also including an extension control device in communication with the base unit, wherein the extension control device is associated with a predetermined telephone extension and assists the base unit in selectively allowing the telephone call received from the telephone network to be transmitted to the telephone handset belonging to the user and selectively preventing the telephone call received from the telephone network from being transmitted to the telephone handset belonging to the user. The base unit and the extension control device communicating via a plurality of signals, wherein the plurality of signals direct the extension control device to generate a ring event for the telephone handset associated with the predetermined telephone extension.

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